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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the National Stage application identified above. Prior to calculating the filing fee due in the above-identified application, please enter the Preliminary Amendment set forth below. A VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE is attached as an appendix hereto in which deletions are designated by brackets and insertions of new language are underlined.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8 and 22-26 are unchanged.

Claims 3-4, 7, 9-21 and 27-31 are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the relative intensities of the different points of the original image is determined by scanning the image into a computer.

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, in which the image is analysed by dividing the image into separate picture elements, and determining the intensity of each picture element.